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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
14 April-2 May 1986

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mrs. Mitsu KIMATA (Japan)

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976 and 1982/33 of 6 May 1982 and Council decision 1978/10 of 3 May 1978, met at United Nations Headquarters from 14 April to 2 May 1986.

2. The Group of Experts held ___ meetings (1st to ___ meetings). An account of the deliberations of the Group of Experts is contained in the relevant summary records (E/1986/WG.1/SR.1-___).

3. The session was opened by David Samudio, Jr. (Panama), a Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council.

B. Membership and attendance

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/33, 15 States parties to the Covenant are elected members of the Group of Experts for a term of three years, and they are eligible for re-election. Each Member State elected to

the Group of Experts designates, in consultation with the Secretary-General and subject to confirmation by the Council, a qualified person to represent the Member State in the Group of Experts. The membership of the Group of Experts is Bulgaria, Denmark, Ecuador, France, German Democratic Republic, Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

5. The following experts, whose nomination by their Government had been confirmed by the Council, attended the session:

Vassil Mrachkov	(Bulgaria)
Michael Urban Bendix	(Denmark)
Miguel Albornoz	(Ecuador)
Philippe Texier	(France)
Mitsu Kimata	(Japan)
Miguel Ruiz-Cabañas	(Mexico)
Moussa Bocar Ly	(Senegal)
María de los Angeles Jimenez Butragueño	(Spain)
Tarak Ben Hamida	(Tunisia)

6. The Governments of the German Democratic Republic, Peru and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics informed the Secretary-General that their representatives, whose nominations had been confirmed by the Council, would not be able to attend the 1986 session of the Working Group and notified the Secretary-General of the names of the following persons, who would represent them at that session:

Norbert Poerschke	(German Democratic Republic)
Aldo Guido-Spano	(Peru)
Igor Ivanovich Yakovlev	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

7. The Secretary-General was also notified by the Government of Iraq that Faruq S. Ziada would represent the Government at the 1986 session of the Group of Experts.

8. The following specialized agency was represented: the International Labour Organisation.

9. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

C. Election of Officers

10. At its 1st meeting, on 14 April, the Group of Experts elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:	Mr. Miguel RUIZ-CABAÑAS (Mexico)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. Tarak BEN HAMIDA (Tunisia) Mrs. María de los Angeles JIMENEZ BUTRAGUEÑO (Spain) Mr. Vassil MRACHKOV (Bulgaria)
Rapporteur:	Mrs. Mitsu KIMATA (Japan)

D. Organization of work

11. At its 1st meeting, on 14 April, the Group of Experts adopted the draft programme of work (E/1986/WG.1/L.1), as amended.